

Poetry.

for the National Anti-Slavery Standard.
THE EPISCOPAL CHURCH,
A Brief Burwark of American Slavery.

"We have heard of slavery as it exists in Asia, and Africa, and Turkey; we have heard of the foul dealing, under which the prosperity of Europe has been gained from the days of Aristotle until now; but excepting only the horrible system of the West India Islands, we have known nothing of slavery, as it exists, in any form or modern, Pagan, Mahometan, or Christian, or terrible in its character as the slavery which exists in these United States."—Report of the Am. Colonization Society, 1824.

"Slavery, as it exists at the present day, is agreeable to the order of Divine Providence!"—REV. G. W. FREDERICK, in a sermon preached in November, 1836—and published with the endorsement of the Rev. Dr. BURTON, TRINITY OF NORTH CAROLINA.

"The Bill adressed, is a most judicious palliation of abolitionism."—SHERIDAN, BOSTON BROWN, of South Carolina.

And is it so? The Church of God! Triumphant she is, too, on a clog.

The weary slave!

Heart-broken, friendless and alone, With throngs to strike, but scarce an one That cares to save.

That man's prey, the greedy vassals, all Who of selfish lust obey the call,

The 'sore's wide range,

Should be cured with hearts full stern and cold, To sell their fellow-men for gold,

Is nothing strange.

But that the pastor, o'er whose head, Have consecrated hands been laid, And word been given,

To feed Christ's lost and ransom'd flock : That he should boldly dare to mock:

That voice from Heaven—

The high bishop and the priest, The first and greatest to the least,

Should join their hands

With those who tear and slay the sheep, By Heaven committed them to keep

In love's own hands—

Those that should fear not to forget The seal upon their souls then set forevermore,

Is a marvel and a burning shame, More lead to hear—more sad to name,

Than aught of yore.

The heathen priests of other days, Unto a holy in Christian ways,

And duncy blood,

'Tis true, shed human blood like water,

And pray'd and worshipp'd 'mid the slaughter Of their own kind:

But from great BELUS of the East, And Lybian AMON, or his Priest,

Truth did not come;

And old Egyptian IRR—she, And the fair Syrian ASANTE,

Were all dumb.

The Hindoo deities of BRAHMA, BUDDHA, KRISHNA, VISHNU, RAMA, No wiser yet;

Blind were the VEDAS, and the page OF ALOCEAN, and dark the age Of MAHOMET.

So too the wooden JUGGERNAUT, And the cunning kiddy upwright,

Shakes shugnut;

And the fiery orb, to whence bright glory, In sunny lands are offerings gory,

Teach not the Truth.

But our God, is the mighty Lord!

The Heavens and earth by his word,

And at his will,

The deeply hulky hills do rock,

Lightnings flash, and earthquakes shoc—

The sea is still.

High in the Heavens he bears his throne, But his presence is not found alone

In realms above;

Of space he fills the utmost part,

And over dwells in the Christian heart—

His name is LOVE.

The sons of men his children are,

Each son more precious than the star

That lights our even;

For them this beauteous world he wrought,

Their ransom with his son he bought,

To live in Heaven.

Brother he made them, one and all—

And no dividing line or wall

Can 't be built;

By which mankind hate each other,

Or brother trample upon brother,

Unless with guilt.

Then who is he of Christian birth,

That dines to prove the earth

His brother man?

To crush the soul that God had given

And bar the blessed light of Heaven,

By satyr's ban?

Who dares reverse the eternal Word,

Which made the man creation's Lord?

The slave of none?

Which said of old, obedient pay

To God, and humbly him obey,

And him alone?

Rebels against the majesty

Of Him that fills eternity,

Well doth God say,

If I'm a master, where's my fear?

If a father, then my children dear,

Lo! where are they?

Chattels and slaves they are become,

Amid sin and sorrow their dreary home;

And Christ men

Are the tyrants dark, that how them low,

And feed with bitter darts of woe,

These poor heathen.

Bishop and Priest, from scripture page,

Prove to an unfeeling age,

How very right

To buy and sell the sons of God,

And bow them 'neath the curst's rod

Thro' life's dark night!

Al! truly slaves' but a scruple

Of deeds for which we find example

In days gone by;

For Jacob's sons their brother sold,

And Judah his master betrayed for gold,

Without a sigh.

"In the consecration of bishops, the preceding bishop also has the honor electing."

"... your personal goods and her mortal life, for Christ's sake, to poor and needy people, and to all strangers destitute of help?"

"And to this touching question the answer was,

"... the bishop of the diocese in which the church or form or ordaining a bishop."—IN THE BOOK OF COMMON PRAYER.

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